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NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES  
INVENTORY -- NOMINATION FORMSEE INSTRUCTIONS IN HOW TO COMPLETE NATIONAL REGISTER FORMS  
TYPE ALL ENTRIES -- COMPLETE APPLICABLE SECTIONS

## 1 NAME

HISTORIC

COLD SATURDAY

AND/OR COMMON

## 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER  
Route 91, approximately 1/2 mile south from the intersection of Md. Rt 140

NOT FOR PUBLICATION

CITY, TOWN

Finksburg

XX VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT and 91

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

024 CODE

COUNTY

Carroll

CODE

013

## 3 CLASSIFICATION

## CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

## PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
☐ ACCESSIBLE  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERCIAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☐ PARK  
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:

## 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME Mr. &amp; Mrs. R. Errol Houck

Telephone # (301) 833-3672

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Cold Saturday

CITY, TOWN

Finksburg

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland 21048

## 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

New County Office Building

Liber #: 606

Folio #: 643

STREET &amp; NUMBER

225 Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland 21157

## 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

# DESCRIPTION

0122-29

| CONDITION                                |                                       | CHECK ONE                                     | CHECK ONE   |
|--|---------------------------------------|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT       | <input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD | <input type="checkbox"/> RUINS        | <input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED              | <input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FAIR            | <input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED    |   |   |

## DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Cold Saturday" is located on Gamber Road, Maryland Route 91, approximately one half-mile southwest of the intersection of Maryland Routes 140 and 91. The land patent "Cold Saturday" was a 248-acre tract granted to Michael Huff from Charles, Third Lord Baltimore, in 1765.

The fieldstone house was built in the late 18th or early 19th century. It is two and a half stories high and five bays wide with broad gable end chimneys capped with brick masonry. The rough fieldstone is masoned in an uncoursed pattern with large stone quoins. The gable roof is tin-covered. A two-story, three-by-two bay fieldstone wing with a wood frame porch on its gable end was added to the west side of the main house.

The Federal-style floor plan is oriented to a wide central passageway with a molded arch midway along its length. The arch is supported by fluted pilasters with Greek key design capitals and has carved double scroll ornamentation and a carved soffit. The doorways leading off the hall also have arched frames with a simpler molding. A large parlor and smaller library are on one side of the passageway, and the dining room and a stair alcove are on the other side. The rooms are marked by high ceilings and broad windows. The wooden mantelpieces have plain rectangular panels with ellipse designs. The dining room mantel has cluster columns that are repeated from the doorway frontispiece and is flanked by an inset cupboard with an upper arch and shell ornamentation. The stair alcove has an open well staircase with scroll pattern stair ends and an ovoid hand rail. Other interior decoration includes molded chair rails and built-in book shelves. The wing addition houses a modern kitchen.

The main façade is symmetrically arranged and reflects the interior plan. Ornamental attention focuses on the central bay. The main entrance has a single six-panel door flanked by cluster columns and four pane sidelights with a lower wooden panel. Above the door is a wide elliptical fanlight with a segmental stonework lintel. The entrance is framed by a one-story, one-bay porch with columns supporting a balcony above. Opening on the balcony are French doors with a fanlight and segmental stonework lintel similar to that on the main floor. Stone pilaster strips with a white frieze of swag work border the balcony doors. The other bays on the main facade have 12/12 sash windows with green blinds and flat arch stone lintels. There are foundation windows in the outer two bays on both sides. The cornice is molded with a boxed soffit and three gabled dormers with 6/6 sash windows are symmetrically placed in the roof.

The symmetrical fenestration on the rear facade is broken by the window for the stair alcove which is placed midway between the first and second floor and by a second exterior doorway which provides entry to the library. Both rear entrances have rectangular

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transoms--the central doorway has a segmental mullion and pane arrangement while the library doorway simply has four panes. The other bays have the 12/12 sash windows with flat arch lintels. The gable ends originally had 12/12 sash windows on the first and second floor, with a 6/6 window in the half story flanked on either side by small six-pane windows. The east gable end has a window added to this original design for lighting in the library. The west gable end has had the wing added to it so that only the half story windows appear.

"Cold Saturday" has many outbuildings and barns. A notable one is the two-story stone tenant house. This three-by-one bay structure is built lengthwise into the rise of a hill and has a wooden addition on its lower side. There is also a log house on the property, which may have served early use as a spring house. Behind the main house is a two-story square washhouse and a newly built garage. A large stable barn built in the late 1940's is also on this side of the house. Another tenant house of late 19th century vintage is located at the main gate.

# **SIGNIFICANCE**

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## RIOD

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW

|                                       |   |   |   |  |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499    | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC    | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599    | XX <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE         | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699    | XX <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE        | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| XX <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799 | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                    | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| XX <input type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE               | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-        | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS         | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|                                       |   | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

"Cold Saturday" is a picturesque estate in the rolling hills of Carroll County farmland. The main house is built on a slight rise and dominates the farmstead. The setting is enhanced by the surrounding natural features and plant life. Although unplanned in an academic sense, the farm lay-out is characteristically pleasant due to the concern for the landscape in its development. The farm maintenance buildings are located in a flat stretch between the main house, the two tenant houses, and the stable barn and are thereby shielded from view. This arrangement of buildings provides a centralized and efficient framework for the activities of the farm and protects the scenic beauty of the outlying area.

A dominating effect of the main house is increased through its visual and architectural characteristics. It is immediately imposing by its massive size and rough textured stonework. The appearance is kept in scale by the large size of the architectural detailing - in the windows, lintels, fanlights, stone chimneys - so that a well balanced proportion is attained. This balance is emphasized by the focus of ornamentation on the central bay and the restraining weight of the less ornamented outer bays. Overall, the impressive feature of "Cold Saturday" is the massive quality of the building combined with the refined ornamental treatment.

The Federal -style influence at "Cold Saturday" is evident in the treatment of the facades, the fanlights and doorway ornamentation, and the dormer windows. The interior particularly reflects this Federal taste by its asymmetrical floor plan and the design of the woodwork. The arched doorways in the central passage have thin fluting and scaled-down capitals representative of this period. The two main rooms repeat this delicate proportion in their trimwork and mantelpieces as well as their disregard for symmetrical orientation as shown in the wall spaces flanking the fireplaces. No other building in Carroll County known at this time has had as much attention given to the interior features or craftsmanship equal to that found at "Cold Saturday."

"Cold Saturday" has had a distinguished line of ownership during its history. The recent inhabitants, Mr. & Mrs. H. Hamilton Hackney, developed a top-rate cattle breeding farm at "Cold Saturday" and did much to bring home to its present well-restored condition. "Cold Saturday" was the site of an annual horse show and meet of the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club. Early owners included Governor Thomas Swann and Sir Algernon Tillard, as well as members of the Bonham, Butler, Poultney and Gittings families.

# MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Land Records and Wills of Carroll and Baltimore Counties  
Kimbrough, Emily "Cold Saturday and Black Angus" Country Life  
N.Y. Vol 79, No 2 Dec. 1940 pp.22-25.

## GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 146.54

UTM REFERENCES

A 1,8 33,6 6,8 0 4,3 7,2 4,3,0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
C 1,8 33,7 4,4 0 4,3 7,2 7,4,0

B 1,8 33,7 3,2,0 4,3 7,2 8,6,0  
ZONE EASTING NORTHING  
D 1,8 33,7 3,8,0 4,3 7,2 5,0

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

E 18/337070/4371990

Beginning at a point on the south side of Md. Rte. 91 500 feet from its intersection of Md. Rte. 526, then moving southeast 600 feet to a point, then south 1,700 feet to a point, then southwest 1,400 feet to a point, then northwest 1,900 feet to a point on the south side of Md. Rte. 91 2,900 feet southwest of its intersection with Md. Rte. 526, then follow the Rte. 91 to the point of the beginning.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |
|-------|------|--------|------|
| STATE | CODE | COUNTY | CODE |

## FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE  
Joseph Getty

April 1976

ORGANIZATION  
Carroll County Committee

Maryland Historical Trust

DATE

STREET & NUMBER  
210 East Main Street

TELEPHONE

374-6494

CITY OR TOWN  
Westminster

STATE

Maryland 21157

## STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER CERTIFICATION

THE EVALUATED SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS PROPERTY WITHIN THE STATE IS:

NATIONAL

STATE

LOCAL ☒

As the designated State Historic Preservation Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service.

STATE HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICER SIGNATURE

*John N. Pence*

DATE

1/6/77

TITLE

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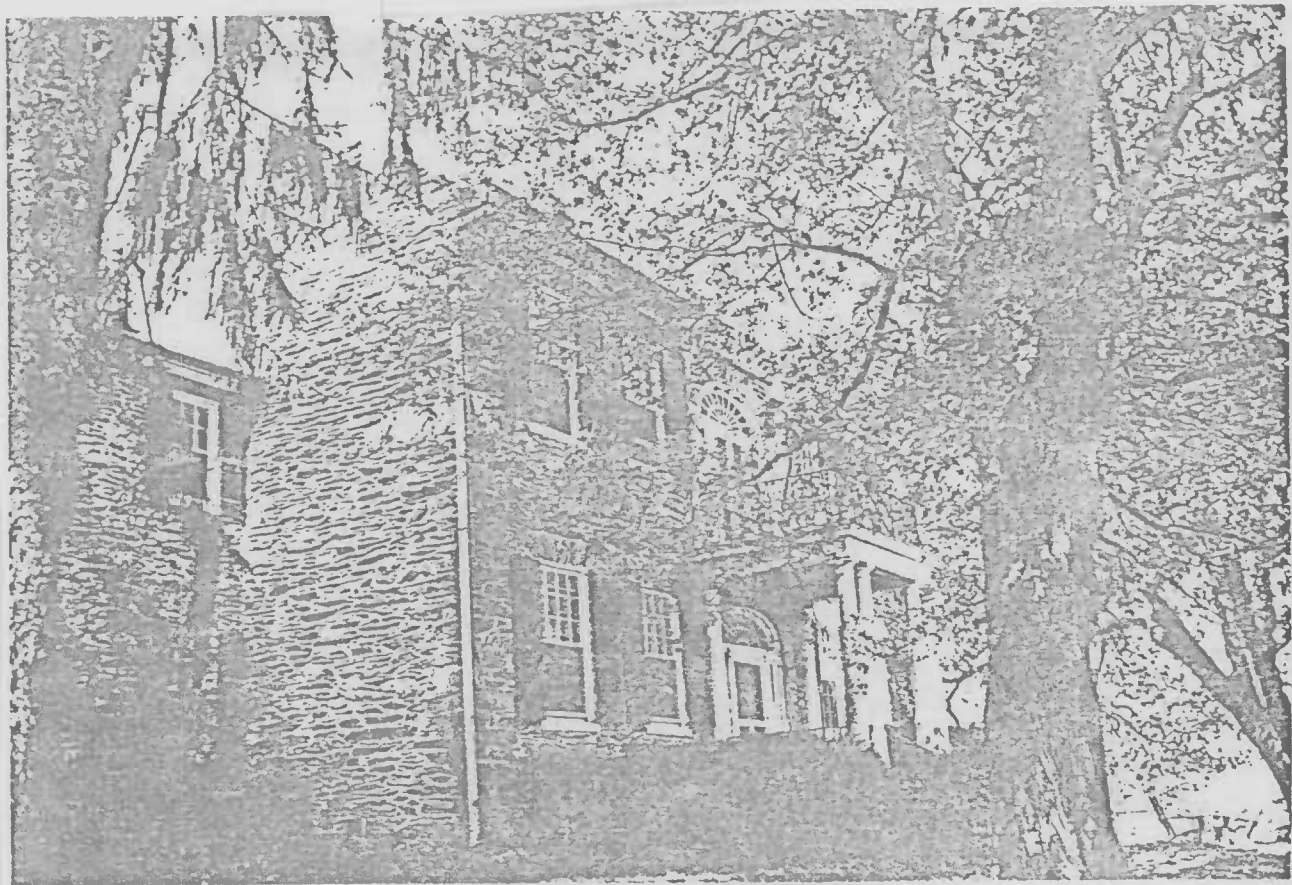
I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS PROPERTY IS INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER

DATE

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF ARCHEOLOGY AND HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
ATTEST:

DATE

KEEPER OF THE NATIONAL REGISTER



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CCarroll County, Md.

Joe Getty Photographer

April 1976

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JAN 17 1977

from NE

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from west

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South facade

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tenant house

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South entrance

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central hall

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JAN 17 1977

dining room

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